

TRICARE Web Sites

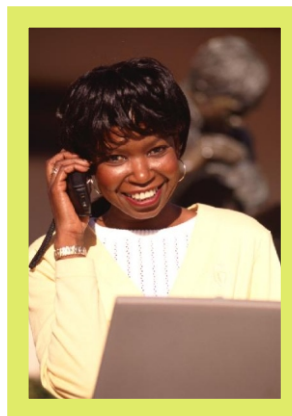
TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Region
www.tma.med.navy.mil

Health Affairs
www.tricare.osd.mil

Check claims online:
www.mytricare.com

DoD Pharmacy Information
www.pec.ha.osd.mil
1-877-363-6337

For more information, call the
TRICARE SERVICE CENTER
1-800-931-9501



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PHARMACY

Program Guide



TRICARE Pharmacy Program

TRICARE expanded pharmacy options are available for active duty service members, retirees and their family members. This guide explains how to use each of your pharmacy options.

Eligibility

Your status in DEERS – the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System – determines your eligibility for the TRICARE pharmacy options. You are responsible for making sure your DEERS information is correct. Verify your eligibility status -- call DEERS at 1-800-538-9552 or visit the Web site at <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress>.

If you have Other Health Insurance, know that TRICARE pays only after your Other Health Insurance has paid its portion.

Active Duty

There are no out-of-pocket costs for active duty service members at the MTF, NMOP or at a TRICARE network pharmacy. In some cases, non-network pharmacies may require you to pay upfront for medication. TRICARE will reimburse you the full cost after you submit a receipt and TRICARE Claim Form DD 2642 to the Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator listed later in this guide. Your local TRICARE Service Center or Health Benefits Advisor can provide further assistance.

Senior Pharmacy

The TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program is offered to all eligible uniformed services beneficiaries 65 years of age or older. You must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and you may also be required to enroll in Medicare Part B.

Beneficiaries who reached the age of 65 before April 1, 2001, do not need to be enrolled in Medicare Part B to use the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy benefit.

Medicare Part B is required to use the TRICARE for Life benefit that will begin October 1, 2001.

Parents and Parents-in-Law

Good News. Parents and parents-in-law who are 65 years or older, enrolled in DEERS and eligible for Medicare benefits, may now use all TRICARE pharmacy options.

Although parents and parents-in-law over 65 are now eligible to use the pharmacy options, civilian medical care is still not covered under TRICARE.

Pharmacy Options

Military Treatment Facility (MTF)

There are no out-of-pocket costs when using the MTF Pharmacy. To see which MTFs stock your medication, click on www.tma.med.navy.mil/documents/tricare/hcb/tmarpharmacy.asp. Each MTF's formulary is listed. If the medicine you need is not available at a nearby MTF pharmacy, TRICARE offers three other options to get your medicine.

Civilian prescriptions can be filled at any MTF as long as the medicine is on the formulary.

National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP)

This program allows you to order and receive your medication through the mail without leaving home. This option is best for filling prescriptions needed on an on-going basis for chronic conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes or asthma. This option is not recommended for short-term medications you need immediately, like antibiotics or pain medicine.

Allow up to 14 days for your prescription to be processed and mailed back to you. Mail the prescription your health care provider wrote along with your payment. You can receive up to a 90-day supply of most medications per order.

Your cost is \$3 for generic or \$9 for brand-name medication for a 90-day supply.

In order to fill your prescriptions, you will need to register with NMOP and complete a patient health registration form. Call Merck-Medco Member Services at 1-800-903-4680 or visit the Web site at www.pec.ha.osd.mil/nmop/nmophome.htm.



Network Pharmacies

These are retail civilian pharmacies that have contracted with TRICARE to serve its beneficiaries. For a list of TRICARE network pharmacies in your area, call the TRICARE Service Center at 1-800-931-9501 or visit the Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/retail_network.htm. If you need your prescription immediately (such as an antibiotic or pain medicine) and it is not possible to visit an MTF, use a network pharmacy. Give the pharmacist your written prescription and show your Military ID card.

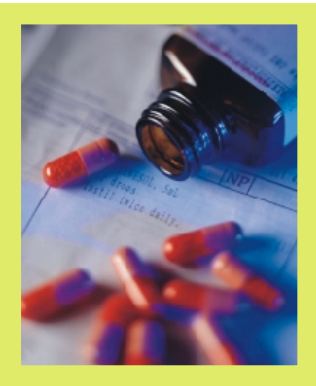
Non-Network Retail Pharmacies

This option offers convenience when there are no MTF or TRICARE network pharmacies nearby. This option also has the highest out-of-pocket cost. (You may still use the NMOP program, which is a better choice for chronic medication.)

There is an annual deductible plus a \$9 or 20 percent cost share (whichever is greater) when using non-network pharmacies. You may be required to pay the entire bill upfront and then file a claim for reimbursement. After your prescription has been filled, send your receipt with TRICARE Claim Form DD 2642 for reimbursement to:

Palmetto Government Benefits Administrator
P. O. Box 7021
Camden, SC 29020-7021

The TRICARE Claim Form is available at any Health Benefits Office, TRICARE Service Center or online at www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/.



Your Costs

	MTF	NMOP	TRICARE Network
Generic Drug	\$0	\$3 (up to 90-day supply)	\$3 (up to 30-day supply)
Brand Name Drug	\$0	\$9 (up to 90-day supply)	\$9 (up to 30-day supply)

Non-Network Pharmacy		
Prime Enrollees	\$300 a person \$600 per family deductible, plus a 50% cost share	
Non-Enrollees	E1-E4 ADFM	\$50 a person \$100 for family deductible; plus a \$9 or 20% cost share (whichever is greater)
	E5 and above ADFM and all Retirees	\$150 a person \$300 for family deductible; plus a \$9 or 20% cost share (whichever is greater)